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In re Patent No. 6,524,140

TAGAKI, Osamu, et al.

Atty. Docket No. 200380-0313

Application Serial No. 09/880,608

Granted: February 25, 2003

Group Art Unit: 2833

Title: Connector Excellent in Reliability of
Contact

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STATUS INQUIRY

The patent owner hereby inquires as to the status of the pending Petition to Add The Names Of Two Omitted Inventors ("Petition"), filed on June 25, 2003. We attach copies of all documents, and the June 25, 2003 postcard acknowledging their receipt.

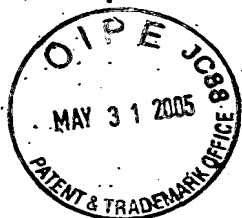
Given the considerable delay, we request that the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office report on the status, and perhaps expedite its handling of the Petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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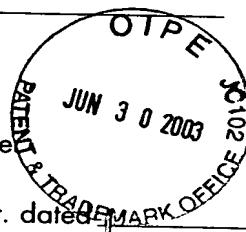


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- (✓) Statement by assignees
- (✓) Petition to Add the Names of Two
- () Omitted Inventors
- (✓) Statement by the Joint Inventors
- (✓) Declaration



RE: APPLICATION

ATTY / SEC: PJH / KR

Applicant: Takagi

Our File No: 200380-0313S.N. 09/880,608

Filed On 13 JUNE 01

For: CONNECTOR EXCELLENT IN RELIABILITY
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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Osamu TAKAGI et al.) Examiner: J. Duverne
PATENT NO.: 6,524,140) Group Art Unit: 2839
CASE: 200380-0313) STATEMENT BY
SERIAL NO.: 09/880,608) ASSIGNEES
FILED ON: June 13, 2001)

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ASSENT OF ASSIGNEE

Japan Aviation Electronics Industry, Limited ("JAE"), having an address at 21-2, Dogenzaka 1-chome, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo, Japan, is presently listed as the owner of the entire worldwide right title and interest in and to the invention known as:

CONNECTOR EXCELLENT IN RELIABILITY OF CONTACT

(Application No. 09/880,608, file June 13, 2001) by virtue of an assignment recorded on June 13, 2001 on Reel 011917, Frame 0213.

(1) The invention should have also been assigned, as joint owner of all such rights, to Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd. ("MEI"), having an address at 1006 Kadoma, Kadoma City, Osaka 571-8501, Japan.

(2) The error in not naming MEI as a joint owner and assignee occurred without deceptive intent.

(3) Both JAE and MEI assent to a correction of the record to show:

(a) the six correct joint inventors:

Osamu TAKAGI
Kazumi TAKISHIMA
Yoshifumi KUBOTA
Yasufumi HAYASHI
Keigo MATSUURA
Eiji SAITOH

(b) the joint ownership and assignment to JAE and MEI, as set forth by an accompanying Petition, and

(c) the request for a correction.

(4) Each of the persons signing this document on behalf of JAE and MEI, respectively, states that he has the authority to so sign on behalf of the respective owner and assignee companies.

JAPAN AVIATION ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY, LIMITED

Feb. 25, 2003

Date

By: Masao Asakura

Masao Asakura

Title: Senior Vice President

MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD.

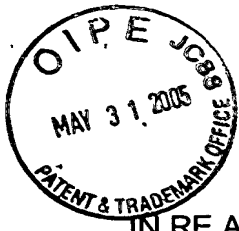
March 4, 2003

Date

By: Isamu Shimura

Isamu Shimura

Title: Director, IP Development Center
Authorized Signing Officer



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) Examiner: J. Duverne
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PETITION

This petition is to add the names of two inventors who were inadvertently omitted, without any deceptive intent, from U.S. Patent Application No. 09/880,608, filed June 13, 2001, ("Application").

- (1) The Application presently names the four inventors:

Osamu TAKAGI
Kazumi TAKISHIMA
Yoshifumi KUBOTA
Yasufumi HAYASHI

all of whom are employees of Japan Aviation Electronics Industry Limited ("JAE") of 21-2, Dogenzaka 1-chome, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo, Japan.

- (2) Without deceptive intent, the following two inventors were inadvertently omitted from being listed in the application as joint inventors:

Keigo MATSUURA
Eiji SAITOH

both of whom are employees of Matsushita Communication Industrial Co., Ltd. ("MCI") of 4-3-1, Tsunashima-higashi, Kahoku-ku, Yokohama 223-8639 Japan, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd ("MEI") of 1006 Kadoma, Kadoma City, Osaka 571-8501 Japan.

- (3) The invention was a result of a joint effort between these six inventors and between JAE and MEI.

- (4) The omission of the two inventors resulted from an error which originally occurred when the parent Japanese application (186830/2000) was filed primarily because the omitted inventors were employees of MCI, and through MCI of MEI. Therefore, the names of the omitted inventors did not appear on the roster of JAE, the assignee company.

(5) When the U.S. application (No. 09/880,608) was filed on June 13, 2001, the inventor names on the parent Japanese application were simply repeated on the U.S. application, as the designated inventors.

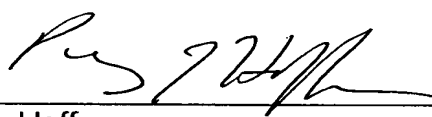
(6) The error was first discovered after the U.S. Application No. 09/880,608 was allowed and the issue fee was paid. Thereafter, due diligence has been used to correct the error.

(7) Attached hereto are a declaration (37 CFR 1.63) and a statement by the six inventors and two assignees showing an agreement on the facts involved in the omission of two inventors.

(8) A correction is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 6-25-03


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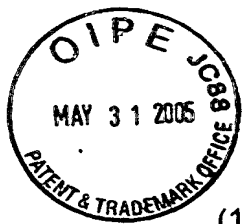
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STATEMENT OF THE JOINT INVENTORS

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- (3) The invention was a result of a joint effort between these six inventors.
- (4) All six of us, the above-named inventors, have read and understand the allowed claims and agree that we are joint inventors of the claimed invention.
- (5) The error occurred without deceptive intent.

DECLARATION

Each of the six of us hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Inventor's signature:

Feb. 25, 2003

Date

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First Named Inventor

Osamu Takagi

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Examiner Name

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

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(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

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is attached hereto

OR

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was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY)

06/13/2001

as United States Application Number or PCT International

Application Number

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and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY)

(if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

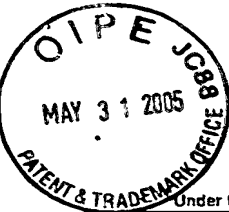
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